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1. On 23 February 1951, about 2,000 troops, organized in units of 50 men, were assembled in the yard of Wald Kaserne III in Rathenow (K 53/Z 15). They were addressed by a major general and subsequently listened to a broadcast. Motor vehicles were observed in the billeting area on 22 February.
2. About 2,000 unarmed troops were also seen assembling in the yard of Wald Kaserne II on 23 February. Motor vehicles were observed there on 22 February.
3. Troops were also seen assembling in Wald Kaserne I, north of Rathenow-Nord Railroad Station, on 23 February. Although their number could not be determined, there were about as many troops as in each of the two other installations. Trucks were observed. *
4. On 23 February, a column of one colonel, five officers, a military band, and about 500 artillerymen marched out of the Ziethen Kaserne to attend a wreath-laying ceremony at the Soviet monument. **

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5. At 4:30 p.m. on 28 February, 57 half-track prime movers towing canvas-covered artillery pieces left the Kraftfahrer Kaserne, crossing Friedrich-Ebertring and proceeding toward Nauen. Each prime mover carried eight soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. guns of about 105 mm were stationed in the barracks installation. Vehicles which left the installation at about 5:45 p.m., taking the same route, included passenger cars and trucks

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* Comment. Estimates of the total strength of troops in the three barracks installations vary greatly. According

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Comment. Possibly a road march of the unidentified Gun Arty
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